MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 1, 2014
Room 110, 4201 Patterson Avenue Baltimore, MD 21215

PRESENT: Anthony Raneri, M.D., Chairman, Lee Schwab, M.D., Ahmed Nawaz, M.D., Gigi Leon, PA-C, George Sobieralski, PA-C, Natalie Orbach, PA-C Brenda Baker, Consumer Member

STAFF PRESENT: Felicia Jackson, Allied Health Analyst, Ronald Sherrill, Allied Health Analyst, David Wagner, Esq., Board Counsel

ABSENT: Ellen Douglas Smith, Acting Deputy Director, Wynee E. Hawk, R.N., J.D., Policy & Legislation

GUESTS: Ms. Kimberly Henderson, M.D., J.D., Regional Medical Director, CVS Pharmacy (Minute Clinic)
Ms. Jehanne M. Bjornebye, Senior Legal Counsel, CVS Pharmacy (Minute Clinic)
Ms. Michelle Hockstra, CRNP, State Practice Manager, CVS Pharmacy (Minute Clinic)
Ms. Theresa Neumann, Maryland Academy of Physician Assistants
Ms. Wendy McCoy, Maryland Academy of Physician Assistants

CALL TO ORDER

Anthony Raneri M.D., PA-C Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Dr. Schwab and seconded by Ms. Leon, the minutes from the September 3, 2014 meetings were unanimously approved.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Nothing to Report

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT

Nothing to Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ADDENDUM

John Bode, PA-C/ Troy A. Brijbasi, M.D. request to perform:

- Nephrostomy/ Nephroureterostomy Exchange/ Replacement (Not New Insert)

On a motion made by Mr. Sobieralski and seconded by Dr. Schwab, the committee unanimously voted to approve this addendum.

NEW BUSINESS

Interview of Representatives from CVS (Minute) Clinics

A presentation of the CVS Pharmacy's Minute Clinic practice, as related to employment and use of Maryland licensed physician assistants was presented before the Committee by the following CVS (Minute) Clinic representatives: Jehanne M. Bjornebye, Esq., Senior Legal Counsel, CVS Caremark, Secretary, Minute Clinic, L.L.C., Kimberly Henderson, M.D., Regional Medical Director, CVS Pharmacy and Michelle Hockstra, CRNP, State Practice Manager.

Ms. Bjornebye and her accompanying Minute Clinic representatives provided the Committee with a brief overview of Minute Clinic's Scope of Services, informing them that Minute Clinics in North Carolina, Texas, Nevada, and Minnesota are all accredited by the Joint Commission and are staffed by physician assistants. See attached copies of Overview of Minute Clinic Scope of Practice and September 2, 2014 Memorandum from Jehanne M. Bjornebye, Esq., distributed at the meeting. Per the representatives, although the supervising physician is not present in the clinic, it is a Minute Clinic requirement that the supervising physician performs at least a 10% chart review of the cases treated by the physician assistant(s). They also stated that any concerns are able to be addressed at monthly staff meetings. Following a brief discussion between Committee members and the Minute Clinic representatives, the Committee thanked the Minute Clinic representatives for their presentation and indicated that they had secured enough information, enabling them to make a recommendation to the Board.

On a motion made by Ms. Leon and seconded by Mr. Sobieralski, the committee unanimously voted to recommend that the Board approve delegation agreements for physician assistants practicing in Retail Healthcare (Minute) Clinics.

Inquiry from the Maryland Board of Pharmacy regarding a PA's purchasing of prescription vitamin injectables for office use

The Committee revisited an issue discussed at the September meeting that involved an inquiry received from Anna D. Jeffers, Esq., of the Maryland Board of Pharmacy. Ms. Jeffers wanted to know if a physician assistant could purchase prescription vitamin injectables for office use. The

Committee requested Board staff to ask her if the physician assistant was purchasing the prescription vitamin injectables on behalf of a group practice or for a practice owned by her, and to furnish the answer to the Committee at its October meeting. Ms. Jeffers responded and indicated that the physician assistant was actually purchasing the prescription medication for patient use at his or her medical practice. As a result of this information, the Committee concluded that there is nothing in the Maryland regulations or statutes to prevent a physician assistant from ordering medications used in their scope of practice.

ADDENDUMS

Kirstin M. Betsill, PA – C/Philip R. Neubauer, M.D. request to perform:

- Joint Injections
- Joint Aspirations
- Closed Reduction of Dislocations
- Closed reductions of Fractures
- Myofascial Injections/Trigger Point Injections
- Removal of External and Percutaneous Fixation Devices

Anela M. Collazo, PA-C/Samuel O. Matz, M.D. request to perform:

- Joint Aspirations (knee only) * per procedural law

Elizabeth Crichton, PA-C/Marc Weber, M.D. request to perform:

- Nonfluoroscopic X-Ray, procedures of the extremities, anterior, posterior, and lateral, not including the head utilizing the Mini-Arm

Catherine N. Gannon, PA-C/Vipul N. Nanavati, M.D. request to perform:

- Joint Injections
- Joint Aspirations
- Closed Reduction of Dislocations
- Closed Reduction of Fractures
- Myofascial Injections/Trigger Point Injections
- Removal of External and Percutaneous Fixation Devices

Jamiel S. Hafiz, PA-C/Wayne J. Olan, M.D. request to perform:

- Intra-articular Joint Aspirations/Injections
- Sphenopalatine Ganglion Blocks – Intranasal Drip

Angela N. Joseph, PA-C/Joseph J. Ciotoloa, M.D. request to perform:

- Joint Injections
- Joint Aspirations
- Closed Reduction of Dislocations
- Closed reduction of Fractures

- Myofascial Injections/Trigger Point Injections
- Removal of External and Percutaneous Fixation Devices

Robert A. Loya, PA-C/William Tham, M.D. request to perform:
- Trigger Point Injections (Trapezilis, Lumbar, Para-Spinus Piriformis)
- Joint Injections (Knee, Shoulder, Hip/Bursa, CMC)

Bridgit A. Mena, PA-C/Kamala H. Littleton, M.D. request to perform:
- Joint Injections
- Joint Aspirations
- Closed Reduction of Dislocations
- Closed Reduction of Fractures
- Myofascial Injections/Trigger Point Injections
- Removal of External and Percutaneous fixation Devices

Elizabeth Steinberg, PA-C/Marc Weber, M.D. request to perform:
- Nonfluoroscopic X-Ray procedures of the extremities, anterior, posterior & Lateral, not including the head utilizing the Mini C-Arm

Stephani Tolbert, PA-C/Standford Coleman, Jr., M.D. request to perform:
- Nonfluoroscopic X-Ray procedures of the extremities, anterior, posterior & lateral, not including the head utilizing the Mini C-Arm

John P. Woods, PA-C/Marc W. Hungerford, M.D. request to perform:
- Joint Injections
- Joint Aspirations
- Closed Reduction of Dislocations
- Closed Reduction of Fractures
- Myofascial Injections/Trigger Point Injections
- Removal of External and Percutaneous Fixation Devices

On a motion made by Mr. Sobieralski and seconded by Dr. Schwab, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend its approval of all the above addendums listed under New Business except the following addendum.

Jamiel S. Hafiz, PA-C/Wayne J. Olan, M.D. request to perform:
- Intra-articular Joint Aspirations/Injections
- Sphenopalatine Ganglion Blocks – Intranasal Drip

The Committee had requested Dr. Olan to provide answers to the following questions as related to the Sphenopalatine Ganglion Blocks procedure.

1. What is the procedure that is followed in performing the "Sphenopalatine Ganglion Blocks- Intranasal Drip?"
2. Is fluoroscopy used during the performance of the Sphenopalatine Ganglion Blocks –

Intranasal Drip procedure and who will be performing the fluoroscopy?

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Mr. Sobieralski and seconded by Dr. Schwab, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn its meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Ronald Sherrill
Allied Health Analyst